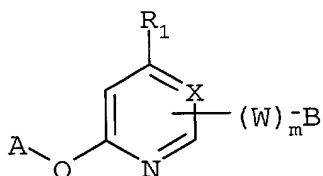


**ENHANCEMENT OF THE ACTIVITY OF CAROTENOID BIOSYNTHESIS**  
**INHIBITOR HERBICIDES**

**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION**

The present invention provides a method for increasing the efficacy of a herbicidal compound of formula I



which comprises applying an effective amount of said herbicidal compound directly to the soil in the form of a solid granule or solid powder which contains said herbicidal compound and at least one inert solid carrier.

It is another object of this invention to provide solid granular or powder compositions of herbicidal compounds of formula I and at least one inert solid carrier, as well as methods for the use of said compositions in the control of weeds.